

1994 Michigan Sugar Festival The Newsweekly



COUNTRY LINE DANCING is gaining in popularity nationwide, as a fun new dance craze for all ages. These local folks have been learning Country Line Dance steps at Sebawaing Middle School, as directed by Chris Hoppe. You can enjoy it yourself during this 30th annual Michigan Sugar Festival in Sebawaing, as details inside will explain. *SEE PAGE 3 & CENTER PAGES*

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Bean Commission reports on state bean prospects

With bean planting well underway in the state, the Michigan Bean Commission reported that it has been active in market support activities with the perennial purpose of advancing and promoting beans.

From a general point of view,

Volunteer information available

The Thumb Area Volunteer Center's Information and Referral Program, which has served the Thumb for 15 years, continues to provide information to residents of Huron, Tuscola, Lapeer and Sanilac Counties on subjects as diverse as food and health care.

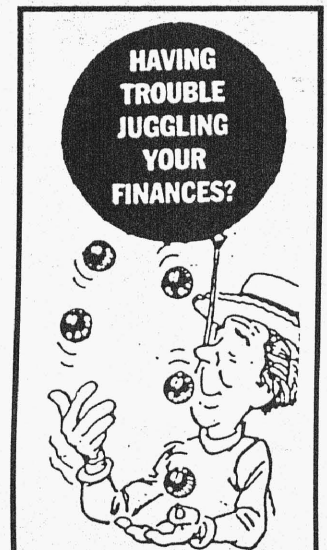
The service is available to anyone on an individual basis or to agencies, and is especially helpful when people have no idea when to turn for the information they need, says Mary Ann Vandemark, executive director for the Human Development Commission.

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said MBC Executive Director Dale Kuenzli, most dry bean markets are experiencing a good demand, with only Navies having any prospect of carryover.

Grower prices of Navies during the late winter were perhaps a little strong for the market, Kuenzli explained, but new markets have allowed country elevators "livable margins for any activity today."

Summer markets for colored beans will continue very tight, and the cupboards will be sufficiently bare by new harvest time in September. North Dakota and Minne-

sota are reportedly right on schedule with expectations for acreage increases in nearly every variety—Darks, Lights, Cranberries, Blacks, Pintos, Pinks, and, perhaps, even Navies.

Kuenzli said that Ontario also reports likely increases in the colored varieties, but still predicts declines in Navy acreage.

Cleanups in colored beans mean excellent outlook values and Navies should continue firm with upward reactions, according to Kuenzli, "with each ripple of adversity caused by weather or unusual demand."



USA AGRISCIENCE STUDENTS Darrick Hartman, left, and Kris Treder, right, completed cleaning the trails at the USA High School Educational Center. The trails were worked on by the Agriscience students at USA High School. This project is part of the classes BOAC (Building Our American Communities) project, for the benefit of the community's use. PHOTO FURNISHED

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Minute Mystery The Case of the Body in the Barn

Inspector Gordo arrives at the large country home of wealthy Keith Kendall. Terry Ahern and Don Benning, the junior partners in Kendall's firm, lead the world-famous detective to the barn at the rear of the house.

Inside, lying face-up on the floor, is Kendall's corpse, with a kitchen knife sticking out of his chest.

Inspector Gordo dusts the handle of the knife and finds one set of well-defined fingerprints. Then he takes prints of Ahern and Benning, and compares them with the ones on the knife.

"The only prints on the knife are yours, Ahern," Gordo says. "But you've told me the knife comes from the kitchen in the house and that you haven't been in the kitchen all day."

"I can explain," Ahern replies. "Don and I drove here today on business. When we couldn't find Mr. Kendall in the house, we started looking for him. The estate is so large, Don and I separated. When I got to the barn, there was Mr. Kendall, with that knife in him!"

"I started to pull the knife out—that's how my fingerprints got on it—and that's just when Don came walking in."

Don Benning says, "You can imagine my horror when I walked into the barn and found Terry bent over the body—holding a knife! His face turned pale when he looked up and saw me."

"It happened as I said!" shouts Ahern. "I had no reason to..."

"How about that argument you had with him yesterday?" Benning says. "You told me afterwards that you were fed up with his constant criticism, and you were going to do something drastic about it!"

"I didn't kill him," Ahern mumbles. He turns to Inspector Gordo. "Could it have been suicide?"

"No, it wasn't suicide," the world-famous sleuth says. "It was murder, and I'm taking one of you with me for questioning!"

Whom does Inspector Gordo suspect, and why?

(See answer elsewhere in this section)

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'Pardners' kids games at Festival

The 30th annual Michigan Sugar Festival will bring some great activities for "little pardners" on Friday, June 24.

The fun begins with the Children's Games at 11 a.m. at Sebewaing's Main Park.

Kids from 3-10 years old may participate, with prizes for all, sponsors say.

Following the games, free Country-Line Dance lessons will be offered for all kids at 1 p.m. The lessons are open to any cowboys or cowgirls who want to learn a few of the latest dance steps.

For those who don't bring their dancing boots, a Petting Zoo, sponsored by USA-FFA will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

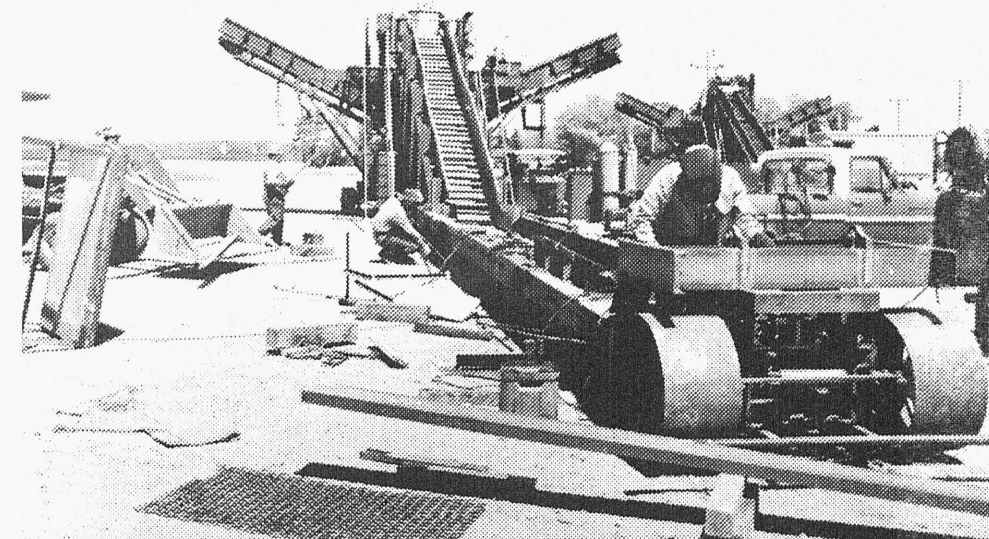
To close the afternoon activities, "mosey" on Downtown to catch the "Hoedown at Sugar Town" Children's Parade at 4 p.m.

It promises to be a "Hootin' and A Hollerin'" Day, sponsors say. "Y'all come down now, ya hear!?"

Lake-Chandler news notes

Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. William McBride, were Jerry and Judy McBride and grandson Aaron Malinowski of Oxford. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gintner of Elkton.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Faupel and daughters Jennifer, Alison and Christine have arrived from Auburn, Alabama, to spend a few days with their mother, Clara and Newell Wightman and brother, Don and Barbara Faupel and sons.



FIX-UP: Michigan Sugar Company workers Darren Fritz, Pat Terrill and Art Nitz work on #6 piler in Sebewaing, getting the equipment in working order early for the sugar beet harvest this fall. The company has contracted for about 29,000 acres of beets this year. MARY DRIER PHOTO

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Sebewaing Blade

60 YEARS AGO JUNE 22, 1934

Weekend specials at the grocery store: Super Suds 7c, beet sugar 100-lb. bag, \$4.50, 8 o'clock coffee 31c, Grandmother's bread 6c.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Martini celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday in the presence of 75 guests at their home.

More than 100 attended the annual SHS alumni banquet Friday night and new officers are Howard Gremel, Edith Hintze and Fred Bach.

Ruth Sellers, Akron, and Clayton Demo, Sebewaing, were married at Standish Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO JUNE 23, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Richter of Altenburg, MO, arrived here Friday. Mr. Richter is the Immanuel school teacher called to take the place of J.R. Baden.

Seven amphibian trucks or

"Ducks" will be at Caseville Sunday and each purchaser of a war bond will be entitled to a ride out in the lake.

Four Sebewaing High School students have a perfect attendance record for the year. They are Virginia Lohrmann, junior; Kathleen Gremel, sophomore; Betty Fliegel and Joan Stock, freshmen.

40 YEARS AGO JULY 1, 1954

Chinese missionary Rev. Herman Becker, visited Carl Lohrmann this past week. He told of fierce competition from the Communist Reds for teaching of the Chinese.

Sebewaing area was saddened by the deaths of three well-known residents, John B. "Jack" Adams, Martin Roenisch and Mrs. Emma Heck.

Three Owendale High

School class of 1954 members have received college scholarships: Marilyn Osborn and Marilyn McCallum have scholarships from Central Michigan College, and Jerome Jamieson, scholarship to Bay City Junior College.

30 YEARS AGO JUNE 18, 1964

Gary Gremel, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gremel, Sr. of Sebewaing died Sunday after being struck by a car as he was riding his bicycle along Sebewaing Road near his home.

Frank W. Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Gregory of Sebewaing, was named recipient of the \$100 scholarship presented each year by Farmers and Merchants State Bank for study in agriculture.

Timothy Rothfuss and Randy Haag, accompanied by Bud Volz of Rummel's Market in Sebewaing, sponsors of the boys in the IGA Boys' contest, arrived in Long Beach, CA where they will

remain for five days.

20 YEARS AGO JUNE 20, 1974

More than 4,500 guests attended Farmer & Merchants State Bank grand opening this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pommerenke announce the engagement of their daughter, Gayle Ann to Duane Genow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Genow, all of Sebewaing.

Dawn Herford and Stuart Jahr were married June 1, at St. Francis Borgia Church, Pigeon. Parents of the couple

are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Herford, Jr., of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jahr, Sr., Sebewaing.

10 YEARS AGO JUNE 19, 1984

The 20th annual Michigan Sugar Festival will be held next Friday and Saturday, June 22-24 in Sebewaing. There are 16 candidates for "Sweetest Girl in the World" including these local girls: Crystal Thaut, Kim Wiechert and Carol Gruehn, all of Sebewaing, Lesa Finkbeiner and Patti Dutcher and Carin

Romain, all of Bay Port; Victoria Fisher of Kinde and Veronica Fluegge of Pigeon. Current directors of the beet growers association are Vic Engelhardt, Santley Gettel, Dale Henne, Daniel Herman, Carl Schuette, John Draschil, Richard Strieter, Tom Zimmer and Lavern Engelhard.

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Congratulations

Sebewaing on Your 30th Annual MICHIGAN SUGAR FESTIVAL

Frances L. Holdwick
Huron County Register of Deeds



From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

75 YEARS AGO JUNE 13, 1919

Charles Dickenson has arrived home from overseas. A band of gypsies traveling in autos with Alabama licenses were in town Monday.

Five horses were overcome by the heat Wednesday, two of them dying in the vicinity

of Unionville. After a two-week dry spell a regular deluge visited this locality Friday. It rained so fast and heavy that even on the tiled land the water could not run off fast enough and considerable damage was done to crops.

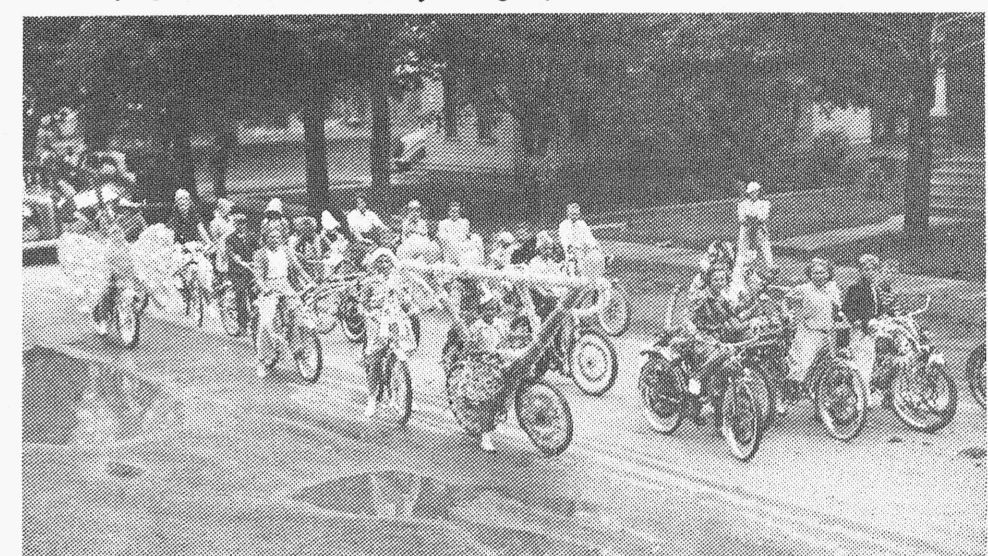
65 YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1929

Today is Flag Day.

E.O. Ainsworth is having his house painted. Roswell Fox is doing the work.

Born Friday, June 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hofmeister, nee Thelma Bigler, a baby boy who was named Gordon. Elsie Stoll has been engaged to manage and attend the Schmidt home during Mrs. Schmidt's absence at summer school at Mt. Pleasant.

Born June 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ackerman, a 9-lb. son named Ronald.



APPARENTLY IT RAINED the night before the Farmers & Merchants Picnic Parade in Sebewaing in 1936, if the puddles in the foreground are any indication. This lineup of about two dozen decorated bikes awaited the parade's startup on Union Street. Among the children who could be recognized are Patty Neigenfind, Bob (Cook) Kuck, Elise Martini, Fern Bachman, Lucille Martens, Erma Kilgus, Della Schilling, Wes and Don Rundell, Frances Koch, Grace Kuhl and Wallace Lobdell.

FROM ERMA RUMMEL

55 YEARS AGO JUNE 16, 1939

Fred Hofmeister, 63, father of Lawrence and Norman Hofmeister, was buried Sunday at Sebewaing at the Lutheran Cemetery.

Arthur Binder is proprietor of the new Standard Station. Grand opening of Art's Standard Service is Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Armbruster celebrated their 25th anniversary Sunday.

The new son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard (nee Nelda Roller) Irer has been named Raymond Jacob.

45 YEARS AGO JUNE 3, 1949

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gangler of Sebewaing have moved their home on Leonard Road west of Unionville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strieter, Thursday, May 26, at Mercy Hospital, Bay City, a daughter, Mary Jane. Carol Zimmer, Alice Hoesman, Irene Jacoby, Kenneth Irion, John Carl Beatenhead and James Bohn were confirmed at the Moravian Church on Sunday.

35 YEARS AGO JUNE 4, 1959

Fred Gardner was injured seriously while at work Monday at DeFoe's in Bay City. He was hit in the back with a disk from a grinding machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer King of Unionville have announced the engagement of their daughter Mary Ann to Donald Currey, son of Mrs. Alma Currey and the late Merle Currey.

There were reports Monday of Unionville peoplespotting a tornado funnel-shaped cloud over Unionville Sunday. Tomado reports were out but not in this area.

Lee Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milan Bush has been awarded a scholarship to Michigan College of Mining and Technology at Houghton.

25 YEARS AGO JUNE 12, 1969

Mrs. Thelma Bogart, second grade teacher at Unionville School for the past 22 years, retired from teaching at the close of school Wednesday.

A daughter, Jennifer Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Ray (Marthadele Schwartz) Tuesday, June 3. Mark Sticken was high marksman for Unionville, and placed third in the State in sitting-position in the State Shooting Education Meet.

15 YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1979

Kathy Hare, Bonnie King and Marlene Sting, all beauticians, attended the Pierce Brothers Hairdressers Convention at Mackinac Island.

The USA Senior Trip Club traveled by plane to Daytona Beach, FL, for a week of fun in the sun. They also visited Disney World.

The Village of Unionville will be celebrating its 100th anniversary since it was incorporated back in 1879. A celebration will be planned Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 17-19, says Ted Balzer, chairman.

Applications are being accepted for 1979 Tuscola County Bean Queen Pageant Thursday, Aug. 2, during the Tuscola County Fair.

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pigeon Progress & The Elkton Advance files

80 YEARS AGO

JULY 10, 1914
A band was organized in Pigeon this week. Officers are Albert Davis, F.E. Holtzman, Leonard Leipprandt, Fred Niebel and Albert Klein-schmidt.
Mr. and Mrs. George Anklam are moving into the quarters over the drug store in the Campbell block, Pigeon.
Fred Niebel is building a new home in the Moeller addition in Pigeon.
August Garthe and Miss Clarrisa Zimmer were united in marriage on June 25.
Charles Kleinschmidt has returned from a two-week visit in the northern part of the state.
Demont Lowthian, 32, a Unionville druggist, died from burns he received he attempted to carry a barrel partly filled with alcohol from the rear of the store. The store is lighted by a gasoline system and a lamp in the rear of the store started a fire. He is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Lowthian, Unionville, his wife, son and two sisters.

70 YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1924
John Davis of West Virginia was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in New York City.
The job of painting the Pigeon water tower both inside and out has been let at a cost of \$250.
The Wallace Co., Bay Port, has surveyors at work laying out a block of resort lots on the north shore of Sand Point. Their property is just east of the Crescent Beach Resort Assn. property and contains some desirable frontage.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schumacher and family are occupying the E.C. Leipprandt cottage at Crescent Beach for the month of July.
To handle the soldier bonus, Uncle Sam will have

4,000 special clerks. If the work is equally divided, each clerk will have 1,000 veterans to investigate.

60 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1934
H. T. Trumble, 76, ex-postmaster of Elkton and former publisher, died Friday. He is survived by a wife and one daughter.
George Henry, 95, Civil War veteran and Caseville Township pioneer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hoffner, in Chicago.
Harold Edler and Earl Hartman of Sebewaing have opened a meat market in the Brueck block of Pigeon, to be known as the H&E Food Market.
Miss Audrey Edighoffer, who has been attending the Detroit Business Institute, returned home to Pigeon to spend her summer vacation.
Clarence Reist, Detroit, is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Reist in Pigeon.
Miss Bessie Maxwell, who spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Stauffer, returned to her cottage at the Bluff Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 14, 1944
U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt announced that he would accept a fourth term renomination by next week's Dem. national convention. His nomination is assured.
A.B. Love, Michigan emergency farm labor supervisor, issued an appeal asking for 300 adults and youths in Huron Co. to help in harvesting the state's 85 million pound cherry crop. Volunteer workers who drive their own cars there can obtain special gasoline rations under a recent OPA ruling.
Winsor and McKinley Twps. have gone over the top in the fifth War Loan drive with 480 individuals purchasing

\$157,000 in war bonds. Michigan U.S. Senator Homer Ferguson will be speaker at the county Farm Bureau picnic July 24 at Caseville County Park. Over 1,200 members are expected.
In one of the lightest primary votes ever in Huron County, George Dunn, Pigeon Republican, defeated Robert Richardson, incumbent, for treasurer.
Gilbert Buerker and Dr. W.A. Belding were re-elected as trustees at the annual Pigeon school election Monday.

40 YEARS AGO

JULY 9, 1954
Members of the 1934 graduating class of Pigeon High School held a reunion Saturday evening at Cross Lutheran Church. Mrs. Edward Oeschger was program chairman and taking part were Reuben Dietzel, Dr. Vincent Brown, John Denner, George Jean, Mrs. Leo Sturm and Mrs. Oliver Morse. New officers are Mrs. Orvin Yordy, Mrs. Leo Luedtke and Mrs. Morse.

30 YEARS AGO

JULY 9, 1964
Miss Judy Thiel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thiel, Elkton, will graduate July 12 from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Saginaw.
Arne Stensrud, 23, Experimental in International Living student from Norway, arrived in Pigeon to spend seven weeks as guest of Pigeon Rotarians.
Larry Gross, Hawaii, is spend a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gross, Elkton, before going to his new position in California.
Children of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Heck surprised their parents at a silver wedding anniversary party July 4 at the Mrs. Ed Schuette home. They have four children and two grandchildren.
New officers of the Steele Lambert Legion Auxiliary, Bay Port, are Mrs. Alvin Deming, Helen Strong, Mrs. Bernice McLeish, Mrs. Charles Carlington, Mrs. James Stahl and Mrs. Arthur Henne.

20 YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1974
John D. Leckenby, son of Mrs. Carl Leckenby, Elkton, received a PhD degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana, in May. He will be an assistant professor of communications at the U of I this

fall. For the past two years he has taught at the University of Georgia, Athens.
Randolph Duey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duey, Bay Port, is on the spring honor roll at Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, WA.
The 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Block, Owendale, will be observed with a Sunday open house at Kilmanagh W.S.B.F. Hall, given by their four children.
Pigeon's general fund budget is in healthy condition following the recent audit report by CPA John Walsh to the Pigeon Village Council.
Miss Brenda Richmond and Cynthia Trost returned home on Tuesday after a two-week visit to Los Angeles, CA.
Mrs. Elsie Kern visited with her son and daughter-in-law and family, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Kern in Stryker, OH. While there she also visited with Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Bickel in Napoleon.

10 YEARS AGO

JUNE 27, 1984
The "Sweetest Girl in the World" for 1984 is Deborah Smith of Caro, who was crowned the 20th annual Michigan Sugar Queen Friday at Sebewaing.
Arthyth Courtney-Marston

has been elected president of the Concerned Citizens of Caseville, following Thursday's resignation of Dolores Bieri as the group's leader.
Up to \$15,000 in damage was reported last Tuesday evening when a truck owned by Elmer Maust of Pigeon caught fire while unloading brush and loose wood from the previous week's tornado.
Despite her skill, VanSteenhouse said she has no plans to become a tennis pro. Her whole family plays tennis. She plans to study environmental science at DePaul.

VanSteenhouse is coached by Jim Krimball of Midland. She is the daughter Larry and Victoria VanSteenhouse.
Other USA Area scholarship winners include:
NANCY GETTEL, Regents-Alumni Scholar, U of M \$1,000 Superior academic achievement and high ACT scores; Alma College Trustee Honor Scholarship \$6,500 per year, Music Performance Scholarship \$1,500 per year, Early Decision Award \$1,500 one year, all at Alma College; Major: Pre-Medicine.
She is the daughter of James and Mary Gettel.
RYAN WILTSE, Presidential Scholarship, Oakland University, \$6,000 per year for four years, academic excellence and active participation in extra-curricular and community activities, Major: Computer Science.
He is the son of Robert and Linda Wiltse.
SCOTT REITHEL, University Scholarship, Oakland University, \$2,000 per year for four years, academic excellence and extra-curricular activities, Major: Computer Science; Albert Fliegenhimer Scholarship, Michigan Sugar

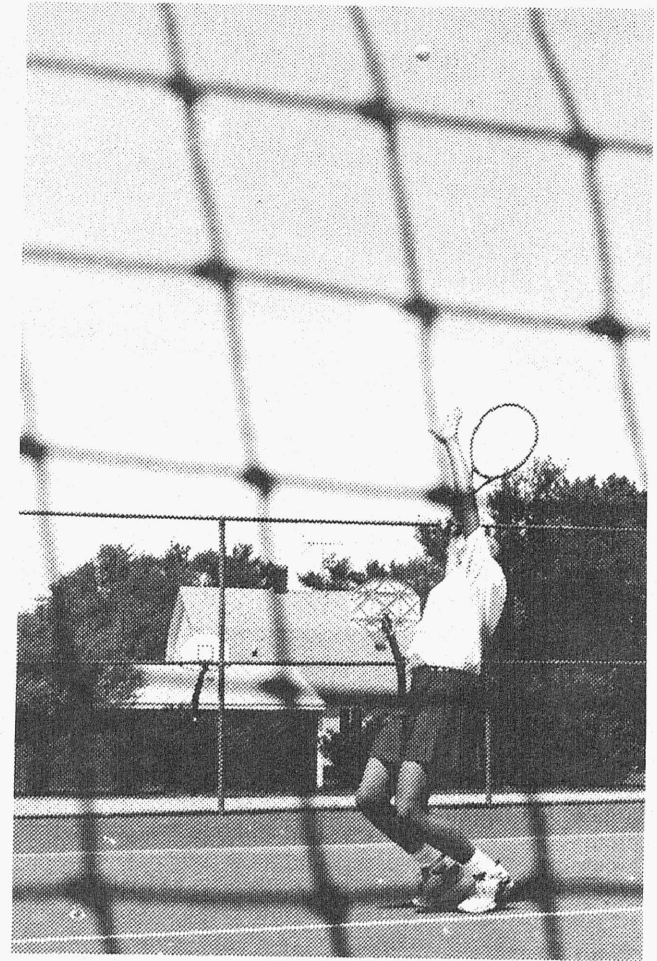
USA seniors earn scholarships

By MARY DRIER

Mandy VanSteenhouse's tennis prowess earned a full four-year athletic scholarship to DePaul University, Chicago.
VanSteenhouse of Unionville earned the scholarship from her tennis playing skills while attending Garber High School in Bay City, and received all-state recognition. The Garber team was undefeated.
She is the daughter of Howard and Kathleen Reithel.
STEPHANIE FIEBIG, Provost Scholarship, Northwood University, \$3,500 renewable, outstanding scholastic achievement and ACT score, Major: Accounting.
She is the daughter of Allen and Karen Hahn.
SARAH SATELBERG, Unionville-Sebewaing Education Association Teacher Scholarship, \$250, Concordia College, Major: Elementary Education.
She is the daughter of John and Maria Manninen.
ANDREW ZAGATA, Co-op Elevator Agriculture Scholarship, \$300; Agri-Science Award Scholarship \$150, presentation at State FFA Convention, Michigan State University, Major: Animal Science.
He is the son of Michael and Lorene Zagata.
JAMES REITHEL, Norman Fiebig Memorial Scholarship, \$250, ag related career, Michigan State University, Major: Linguistics.
She is the daughter of August and Nancy Turschak.
KIMBERLY BETSON, Carl Hess Scholarship, \$1,000, academic achievement and extra-curricular activities, Northwood University, Major: Accounting.
She is the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Betson.
CHARLES BURROWS, Loren C. Adgate Scholarship, Independent Bank \$500, Saginaw Valley State University, Major: Accounting.

Co. \$2,500; Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarship through National FFA Found. \$1,000; Norman Fiebig Memorial Scholarship \$250, agriculture related career; Court Sattler Scholarship \$200, outstanding vocational agriculture student & FFA member.
He is the son of William and Suzanne Burrows.
JASON WERSCHKY, Sebewaing Sportsmen's Club Scholarship, \$500, conservation-related field, Lake Superior State University, Major: Biology.
He is the son of Terry and Sharon Werschky.
KELLI HAHN, Unionville-Sebewaing Education Association Teacher Scholarship, \$250, Concordia College, Major: Elementary Education.
She is the daughter of Allen and Karen Hahn.

He is the son of Richard and Vivian Smith.
KELLY MANNINEN, USA Student Council Scholarship, \$250, elected officer-secretary, Delta College, Major: Business Management.
She is the daughter of John and Maria Manninen.
JOSHUA HUIZAR, Huron Tribune Scholarship, \$200, essay, Major: Diesel Auto Mechanics.
He is the son of Jerry and Elizabeth Huizar.



NET GAIN: Mandy VanSteenhouse, 18 of Unionville, displays her tennis skills, which earned her a full four-year athletic scholarship to DePaul University, Chicago.
MARY DRIER PHOTO

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U.S. Census shows trend toward fewer — but larger — farms

By WALT RUMMEL
The long-term trend in Michigan agriculture — showing fewer but larger, farms — continued in final tabulation of 1992 compared with five years earlier, says the U.S. Census.

In 1992 there were 46,562 farms, compared with 51,172 in 1987 — a decline of 4,610 farms statewide, for a reduction of 9%.

At the same time, farms grew larger in the five-year period, by 15 acres, from 202 acres in 1987 to 217 in 1992.

That increase in size produced a solid, substantial increase in value of land and buildings, amounting to \$51,305 each. Average value of land and buildings in 1987 was \$196,065 which increased to \$247,370 in the five-year interval, the Census figures show.

Computing that at per-acre values, it meant an increase from \$971 per acre in 1987, which grew to \$1,131 in 1992 — an increase of \$160 per acre.

Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment increased, too, on the larger farms, from \$45,954 in

1987 to \$55,028 in 1992, for an increase of \$9,074.

On the larger, more expensive farms, the market value of ag products showed a sizeable increase, too.

For all ag products sold the 1987 value was \$2.545 billion, which increased to \$3.03 billion in 1992.

Making up the total 1987 crop value were \$1.27 billion in crops, including nursery and greenhouses, and an almost identical \$1.27 billion for livestock, poultry and their products.

In the next five years, as computed through 1992, the growth of crops' market value was faster than the livestock income.

In 1992 crops, including nursery and greenhouse production, reached \$1.67 billion while livestock, poultry and their products' total income reached \$1.36 billion.

While the average acreages of Michigan farms increased

by 15 acres, all classifications of crops' and livestock sales from one-acre farms up to 999-acre farms were fewer in 1992 than in 1987.

Only the farms of 1,000 or more acres in size increased in numbers, from 1,357 such farms in 1987 to 1,538 in 1992, Census figures show.

The figures of value of sales matched the acreage records. All farms with sales productions from less than \$2,500 per farm up to \$100,000 per farm decreased in numbers.

However, farms with sales of \$100,000 or more were the only category to increase. Such farms numbered 6,396 in 1987 and they increased their numbers to 7,075 in 1992.

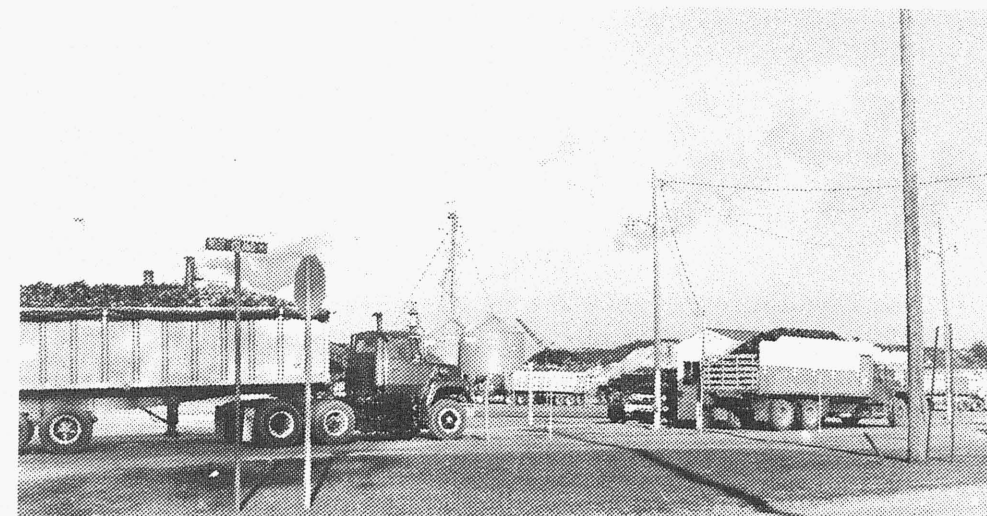
Production expenses of farms mirrored their incomes, too, between 1987 and 1992. In 1987 total farm production expenses reached \$2.2 billion, and that figure grew to \$2.6 billion in 1992.

Average production costs

per farm were \$43,221 in 1987, increasing to \$55,483 just five years later.

Full-time farming jobs by operators decreased, from 26,112 operators whose prin-

cipal occupation was farming in 1987 to 24,396 full-time operators by 1992.



SUGAR BEETS are delivered to the Sebewaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company...

Clubs

CASEVILLE LIBRARY CLUB

Fifty-five members and five guests attended the June 6 luncheon meeting at Sherwood-on-the-Hill, Gageton. A new member, Gloria Busch, was welcomed to the club.

Before lunch, President Sylvia Wisner asked for a moment of silence to honor those who fought and died in all of America's wars.

The Library Club will award four scholarships to graduating seniors, whose names were announced at Commencement on Saturday, June 11.

Committee reports were read and discussed in preparation for the forthcoming club year.

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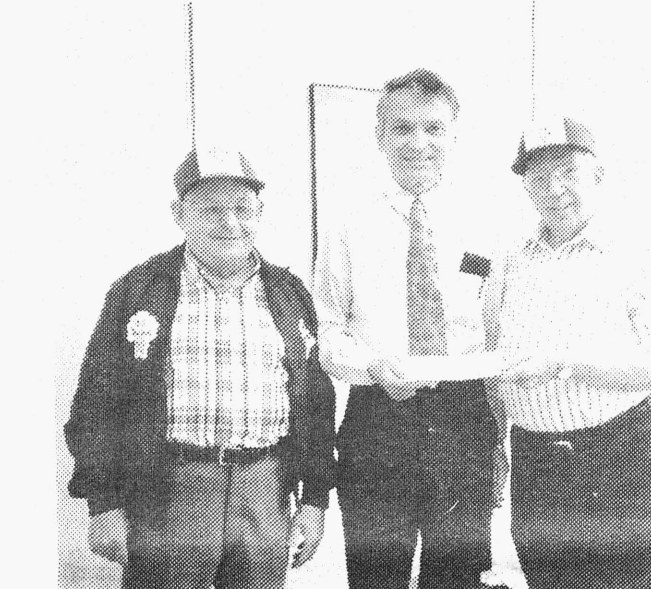
Welcome To The 1994 Michigan Sugar Festival!

Sebewaing Sugar Beet Growers Association

K of C donates to 3 local agencies



K OF C DONATION TO THUMB INDUSTRIES: Henry Zakrzewski and Frank Janes, representing the Knights of Columbus Council #8042, present a check for \$781.20 to Theresa Rabideau of Thumb Industries, from funds raised the group's annual Tootsie Roll Drive.



K OF C DONATION TO HANDIRIDES: A check for \$390.20 was presented by Henry Zakrzewski and Frank Janes representing the K of C Council #8042 to Robert Johnson of the Huron County HandiRiders.

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K OF C DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS: A check for \$781.20 was presented by Henry Zakrzewski and Frank Janes of the K of C Council #8042 to Jeanne Eilers, representing the Huron County Special Olympics.

Caseville, Chandler road repairs being planned

Chandler and Caseville Township officials are planning some road repairs this summer. Chandler Township Board members approved blacktopping two miles of Limerick Road — one project is to resurface Limerick from Maxwell Road to the bridge, and the other is to do a new section of blacktop on Limerick between Eltkon and Herford Roads. Estimated cost of the work is about \$60,000. In Caseville Township, board members approved spending \$26,000 on road repairs, to resurface about one mile of Gageton Road.

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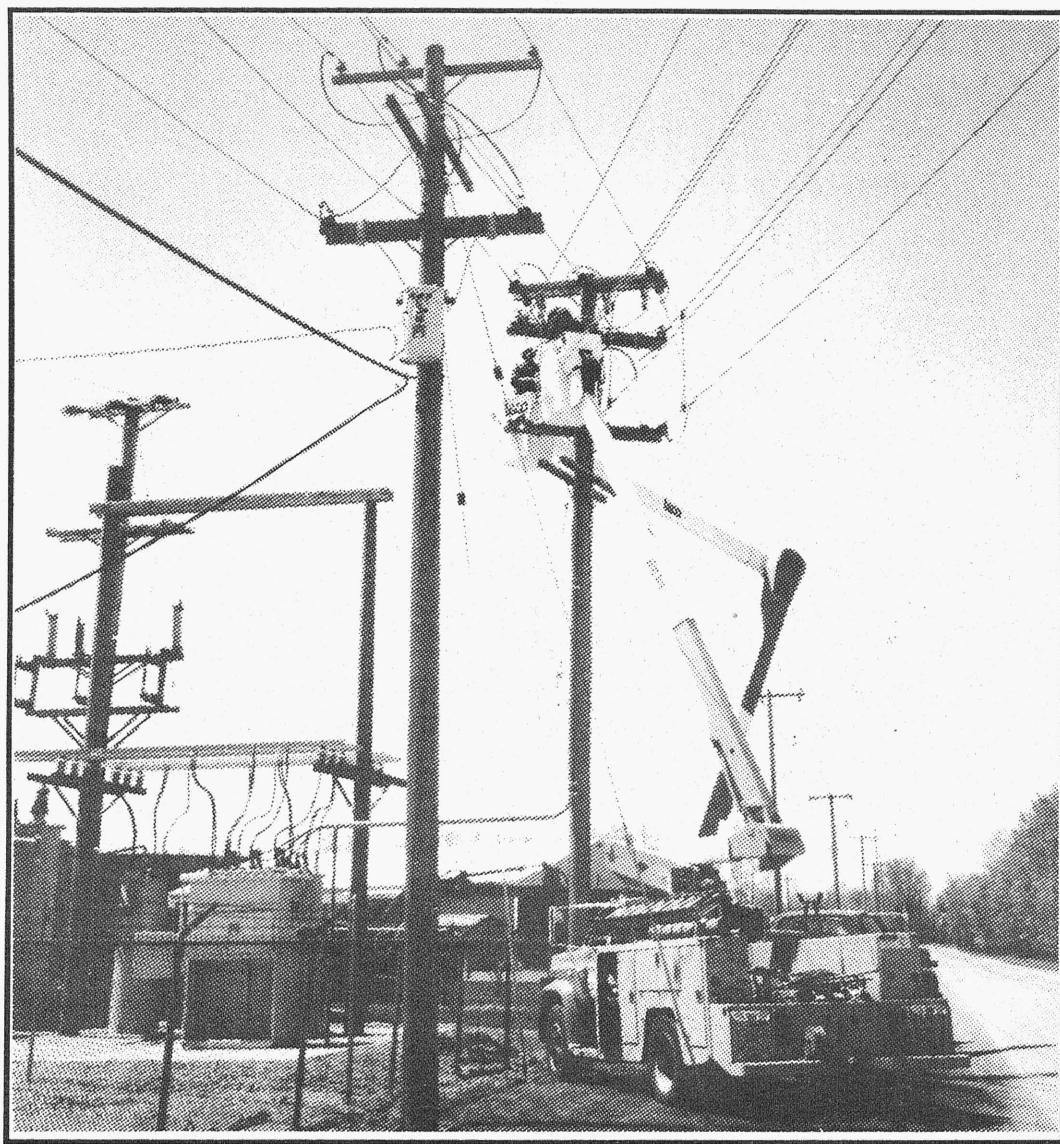
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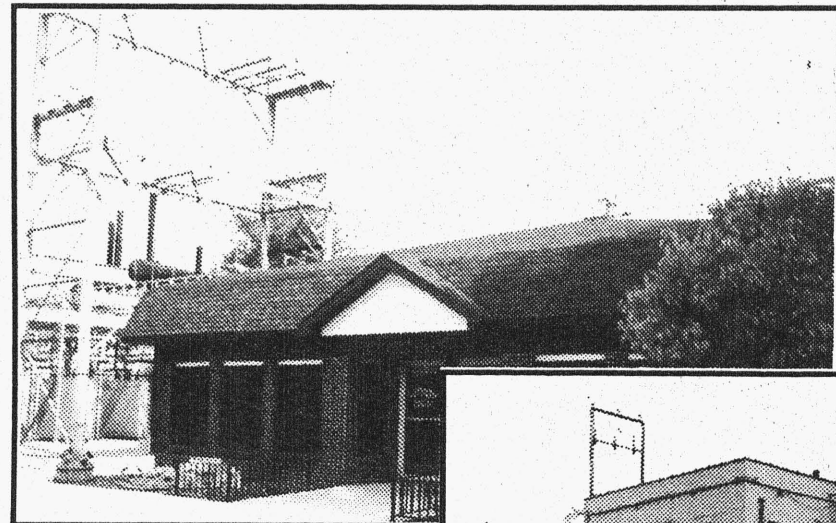
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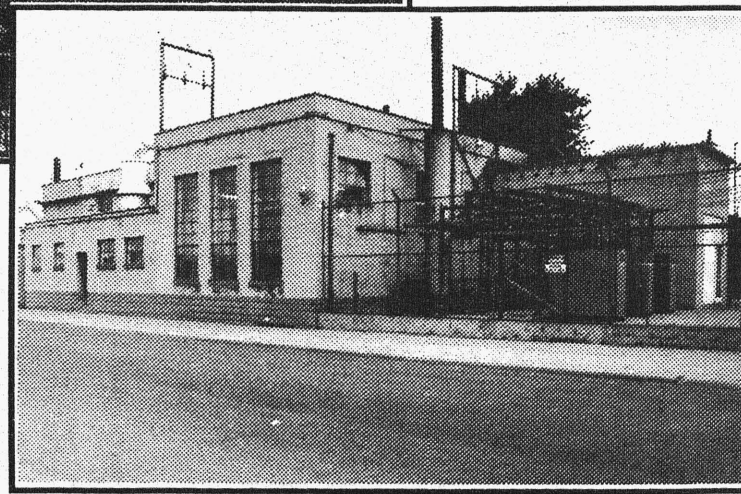
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Since 1911, *Sebewaing Light and Water Department* has been at the background of every place and event - quietly doing our job of providing light, water and power. Now with all the growth taking place in Sebewaing our new county park, a newly revitalized downtown park, increased industrial use and the proposed marina, we're doing all we can to lead the way!



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"Pioneer Sugar Castle" On The Parade Route in '94!

The "Pioneer Sugar Castle" will debut as Michigan Sugar Company's newly-constructed float, built in time for parade visitors to enjoy at the upcoming Michigan Sugar Festival Parade in Sebewaing on Saturday, June 25.

The Sugar Castle will spend most of its summer on the road, delighting children and adults alike with its fantasy castle appearance.

The Sugar Castle will carry the Michigan Sugar Queen and make appearances at a number of special events and parades, including the Sandusky Parade, Lexington 4th of July Parade, Cherry Royale Parade in Traverse City, Chesaning Showboat Parade, Blue Water Festival Parade in Port Huron, Gerber National Baby Food Festival in Fremont, Michigan, Bay Port Fish Sandwich Parade, Montrose Blueberry Festival Parade and numerous others going through until Christmas and continuing again in May with the Alma Highland Festival, Owosso Curwood Festival, Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival Parade and the Crosswell Pioneer Day Parade.



It was constructed in Sebewaing by volunteers who worked very hard to build not only a visually pleasing float, but also one that can withstand the rigors of being on the road many months a year, according to the Public Relations Department of Michigan Sugar Company. "We're proud to have a new float that will represent Michigan Sugar Company in such a festive and fun way," they add.

Queen Janna Has Enjoyed Her Sweet Role



Official Queen's Portrait
1993 Michigan Sugar Queen Janna Kundering strikes a royal pose, in her official portrait.

Queen Janna Kundering of Sebewaing will never go into a restaurant again without looking at the sugar packets on the tables to see if they are labeled as Pioneer products.

Her year as Michigan Sugar Queen changed her forever - not just personally, but in her desire to educate people about the sugar industry.

"I grew up in Sebewaing, where Michigan Sugar Co. plant was always a big part of our lives," explains Janna, the 21 year daughter of Sebewaing residents Wayne and Marion Kundering.

"I realized early in my reign that many of the people I came in contact with - especially in the city - had no idea that sugar was produced in Michigan. I took it upon myself to do the best job I could do to educate people about sugar and represent the sugar industry."

And that she did!

Janna made public appearances at more than 22 parades and special events, including a gala affair at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, serving as a greeter for the Michigan Grocers' Association at an event sponsored by Michigan Sugar Company.

One of her favorite public appearances was at the National Cherry Festival at Traverse City, where she says, "I was overwhelmed by the enormity of the parade and the activities." She also was honored to meet Gov. John Engler and Miss Michigan at the Ionia Free Fair and at several other parade appearances.

Janna will crown her successor this Friday, June 24 on the Michigan Sugar Festival Stage, then will take her honored place as a past queen on the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce float.

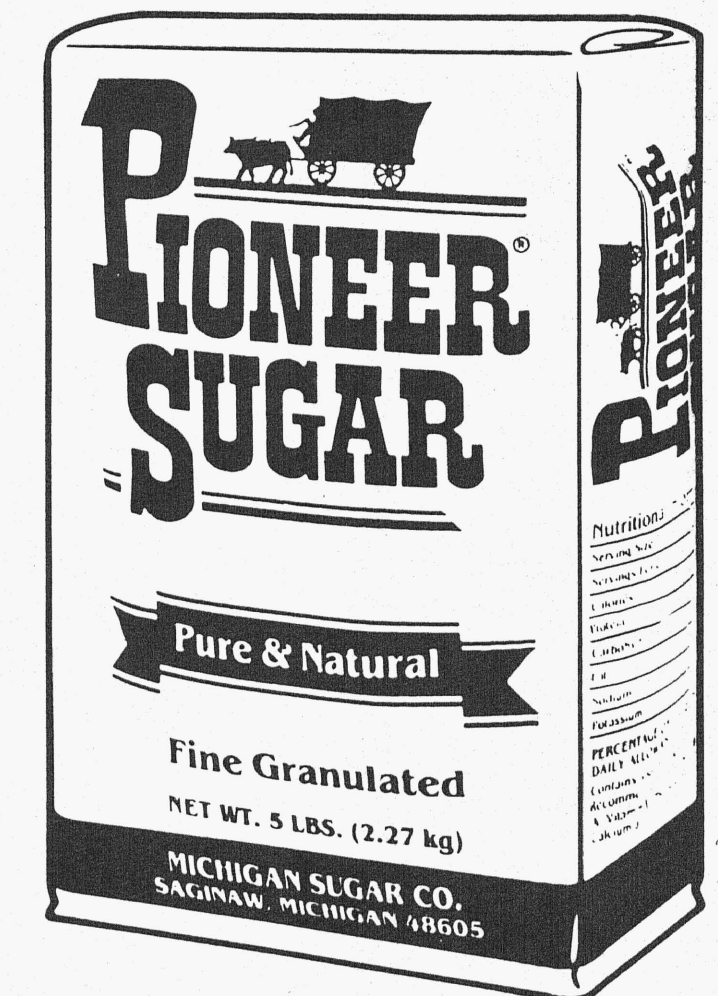
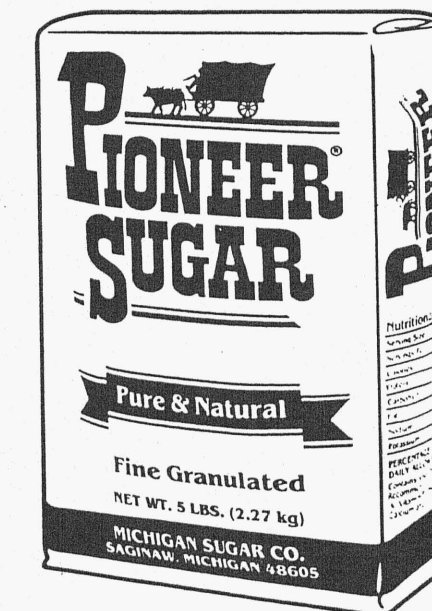
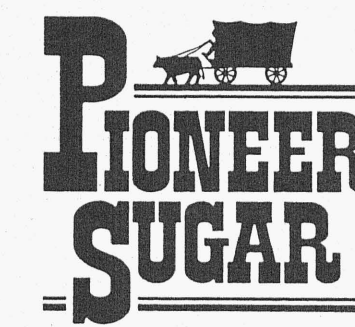
She will continue her studies at Central Michigan University, where she is working towards a major in Broadcasting and a dual minor in Advertising and Theater.

"Being the Michigan Sugar Queen was a great experience for me," says Janna, fondly looking back at her year. "It helped me to grow as a person, learning how to relate to people in a more personal way."

And restaurants will want to be sure that their tables are well-stocked with Pioneer brand sugar, knowing that a past Michigan Sugar Queen will continue to keep her eye on the sugar industry!

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Michigan's Natural

HERE'S THE 1994 MICHIGAN SUGAR FESTIVAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 24...

9 am - 5:30 pmSidewalk Sales
 9 am - 5 pmHistorical Society Opens
 10 am - 2 pmPetting Zoo
 (*Horseshoe Pits - Main Park*)
 11 am - 12 Noon.....Children's Games
 (*Main Park*)
 12 NoonSkerbeck Bros. Midway Opens
 1 - 2 pmLine Dance Classes
 for Children Ages 6-16 (*Covered Pavilion*)
 1 - 7 pmLake Huron Comm.
 Arts Gallery Opens
 4 pmChildren's Parade
 (*Fire Hall to Main Park*)
 Candy Drop
 (*Immediately after Parade in Main Park*)
 7 pmColor Guard and the National
 Anthem (*Main Park Stage*)
 Prince and Princess Crowning
 (*Main Park Stage*)
 Village of Sebewaing Presentation
 (*Main Park Stage*)
 7:30 pmSherry's Dance Studio
 (*Main Park Stage*)

8:30 pmSugar Queen Crowning
 (*Main Park Stage*)
 9 pm - 12 MidnightCountry Western
 Dancing at the Sugartown Country Club -
 Music by CO2

Saturday, June 25...

7 - 8 amRoad Race & Walkathon
 Registration
 (*Immanuel Lutheran Church*)
 8 amRoad Race and Walkathon
 8:30 amSugar Smasher 3 On 3
 Basketball Tournament (*Village Park*)
 9 am - 12 NoonLuckhard Museum
 "The Indian Mission"
 Opens (*Bay Street*)
 9 am - 5 pmHistorical Society Opens
 11 am - 1 pmChicken Barbeque
 (*Main Park*)
 1 - 7 pm.....Lake Huron Community Arts
 Gallery Opens - "The Lore of the Lakes"
 1 pmGrand Parade
 2:30 pmThumb 2 Cylinder Club
 on Display (*Main Park Stage*)

3 pmDoc Robin Steele's "Olde Time
 Medicine Show" (*Main Park Stage*)
 3 pmKiddie Tractor Pull weigh-in
 & registration (*Covered Pavilion*)
 4 pmKiddie Tractor Pull
 4:30 pmDoc Robin Steele's "Olde Time
 Medicine Show" (*Main Park Stage*)
 7 pmDoc Robin Steele's "Olde Time
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 7:30 - 9 pmSouthern Stars in Concert
 (*Main Park Stage*)
 9 pm - 12 MidnightCountry Western
 Dancing at the Sugartown Country Club -
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 DUSKFireworks Display -
 Colonial Fireworks (*Village Park*)

Sunday, June 26...

8 am - 12 NoonClassic Car Show
 Registration
 8 am - 2 pm4th Annual
 Classic Car Show
 (*Across from Historical Society*)
 9 am - 5 pmHistorical Society Opens

10:30 amCommunity Worship Service
 Lew Tibbits, director of
 Bay Shore Camp, Speaker
Everyone Invited (Main Park)
 11:30 am - 1 pmFlapjack and
 Sausage Brunch - Sugartown
 Country Club (*Main Park*)
 12 Noon3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
 Continues (*Village Park*)
 1 - 5 pmLake Huron Community Arts
 Gallery Opens - "The Lore of the Lakes"
 (*Downtown Sebewaing*)
 1 pmFiremen's Waterball Battle
 (*South of Car Show*)
 2 - 4 pmLuckhard Museum Opens
 2 pmAnything Goes Olympics
 (*Main Park Diamond*)
 2 pmClassic Car Organized Cruise
 (*Through Downtown*)
 3 pmSugar Festival Button Drawing
 3:30 pmClassic Car Show Awards
 4 pmIce Cream Social
 (*Concession Stand*)
 5 pmFarmers vs. Merchants
 Softball Game (*Village Park*)

A Year of Expansion at the Sebewaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company!

Michigan Sugar Company is proud to have completed the state's first thick-juice sugar storage tank project — adding the ability of area farmers to grow more sugar beet acreage and consumers to enjoy more sugar.

The storage tanks are part of a \$9.5 million project accomplished by Michigan Sugar's Sebewaing Plant, with \$8 million of improvements completed in 1993 and the remaining \$1.5 million going towards a beet handling system with a larger wet hopper and stone and trash catching equipment to be completed in 1994.

"Because of the upgrades to the plant, Michigan Sugar Company was able to let 1,800 additional acres to be planted in 1993," according to Sebewaing Ag Manager Richard Jacoby. A total of 33,000 acres is spread among 400 growers.

Installation of the new diffuser and a pulp press, in addition to the storage tanks, increased the plants slicing capacity by about 1,000 tons — now totalling 5,500 tons. The two thick-juice tanks will hold three million gallons each, equivalent to 3.5 million pounds of sugar.

The tanks are the first addition in Sebewaing's Industrial Park, setting the pace for what Sebewaing hopes to be expanded industrial use.

They are proud to work hand-in-hand with the Village of Sebewaing in promoting Sebewaing as a "great place to do business."

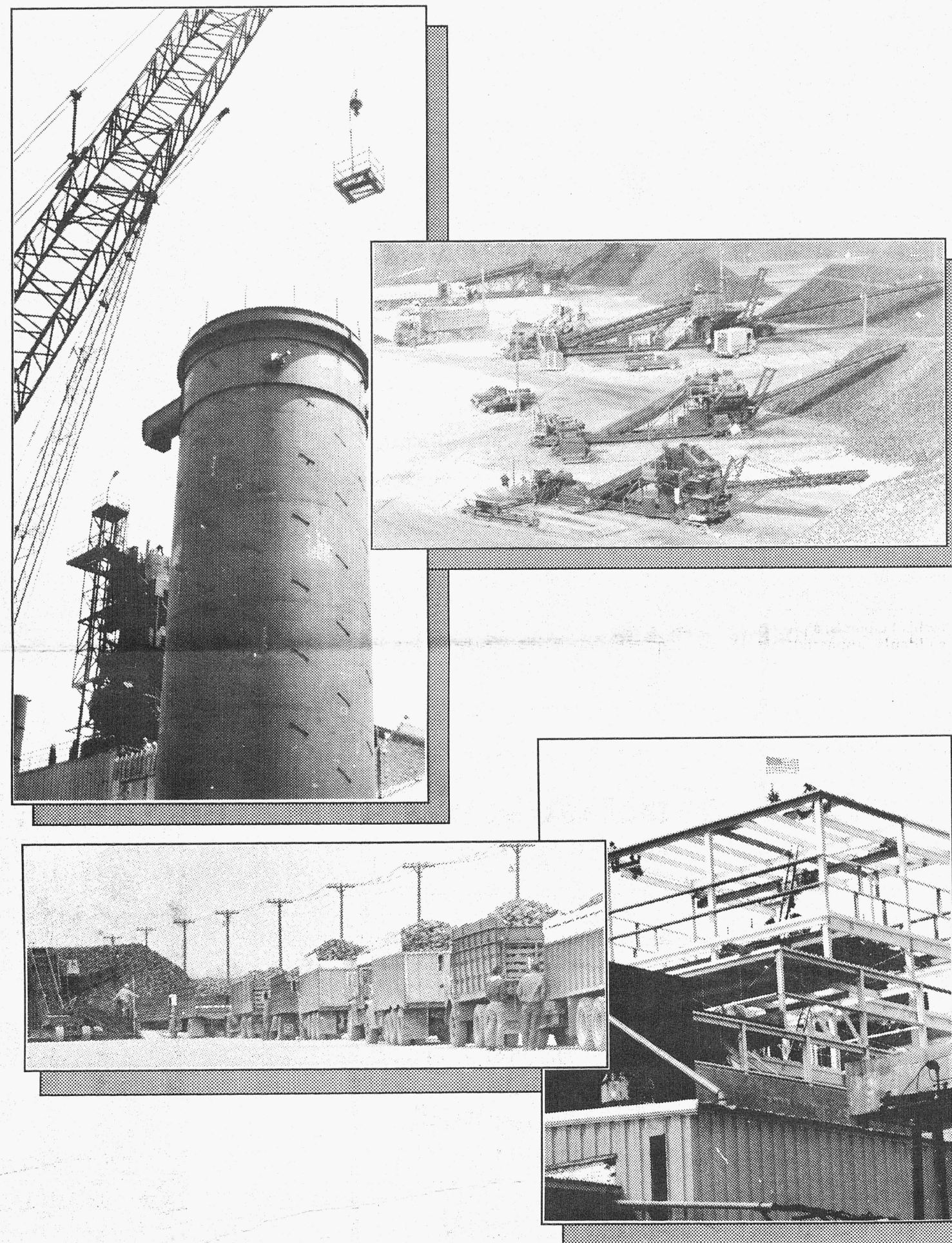
Also added in the past year was a new 85,000 ton beet storage piling ground, to accommodate the increase in beet volume as well as the need for handling the ever-increasing number of semi-trucks now being used by sugarbeet growers.

The Sebewaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company produces about 100 million pounds of sugar annually.

Michigan Sugar Company is in its 88th year of business. The company operates four sugar processing facilities — at Sebewaing, Caro, Crosswell and Carrollton — and its subsidiary, Great Lakes Sugar Company, operates two Ohio facilities.

The company's sugar products are marketed under the Pioneer Sugar, Peninsular and Great Lakes labels, as well as numerous private labels.

The products are sold through an expanding Midwestern market. Michigan Sugar Company is based in Saginaw, and is a subsidiary of Savannah Foods & Industries, Savannah, Ga.



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Old Yeller doesn't hold a candle to Rex

DEAR MR. ROSS: We're writing to you about a boy in our town. His name is Eric Knapp.

He can't use his arms or his legs and needs to be in a wheelchair because he has Muscular Dystrophy. He had a trained dog named Rex who helped him out everywhere he went. Rex could do all kinds of things for Eric, but he got in an accident and can't help Eric anymore.

Guide Dogs of the Desert gave Eric a new dog, but his family doesn't have enough money to get her trained. We started collecting cans for recycling to help Eric, but it's going to take a lot of cans.

We always read stories about the people you help. We thought maybe you would be willing to give Eric some money so he can get his dog trained.

We know it costs a lot, so whatever you decide would be great. — Bev (age 13) and Sarah (age 11) Frankel, Palm Springs, CA

DEAR READERS: Bev and Sarah Frankel included with their letter a news article about Rex. He is no longer able to help Eric because last December, while on the school grounds, a pit bull suddenly appeared, rushing toward Eric.

Rex attacked the pit bull before it could get to his master, but that was to be his last heroic act.

The pit bull bit Rex in the neck and although the wound wasn't serious, the dog had a mental breakdown. Rex's professional trainer came out from Iowa, at his own expense to evaluate the dog, and Rex has since been retired.

There are two tragedies here. Eric Knapp and his dog Rex were a team. With this dog,

where Rex helped Eric make new friends.

Eric no longer has his best friend and companion who helped him in achieving independence.

Eric's loss is so great — it's mind boggling how cruel life can be to a 13-year-old boy.

The second tragedy is how Rex was taken out of commission. Pit bulls are not recognized by the American Kennel Club as a breed of dog.

Although it's been said there are no bad dogs, only bad pet owners, you have to stop and think about what pit bulls have been bred to do — attack and kill. They pose a threat to society and that's no myth.

Guide Dogs of the Desert have since donated to Eric a 19-month-old golden retriever named Calico. Perhaps one day Calico can be Eric's

new service dog, but only if the Knapps have serious financial debt, given Eric's physical need for costly treatment.

Can't we give a boy and his dog a second chance around? Think about it.

Training Calico will cost about \$7,000 of which I'm donating the first \$1,000.

We can never replace what Rex was to Eric, no more than

a person can replace a child or a spouse who they loved with all their heart.

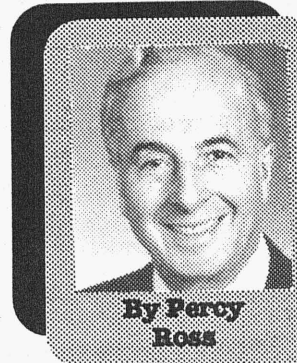
Surely Eric has found a new spot in his heart for Calico and I think it's up to us to help Calico achieve all she can by affording her the training.

Please join me and the other members in Eric's community by making your donation to The Eric Knapp Fund, Great Western Bank, 499 S.

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The future of one little boy and his independence, as he fights the crippling disease of Muscular Dystrophy, depends on it. Thank you. \$\$\$\$\$

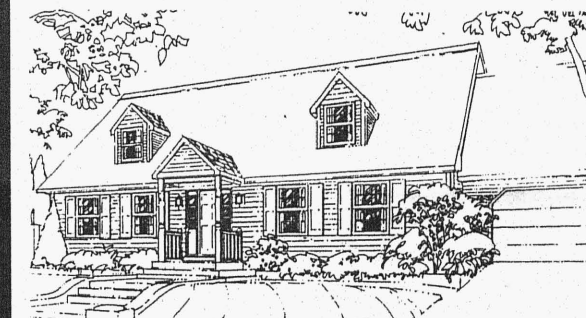
You may write to Percy Ross c/o The Newsweekly, P.O. Box 39000, Minneapolis, Minn. 55439. Include a telephone number if you wish. All letters sent to Mr. Ross are read.



By Percy Ross
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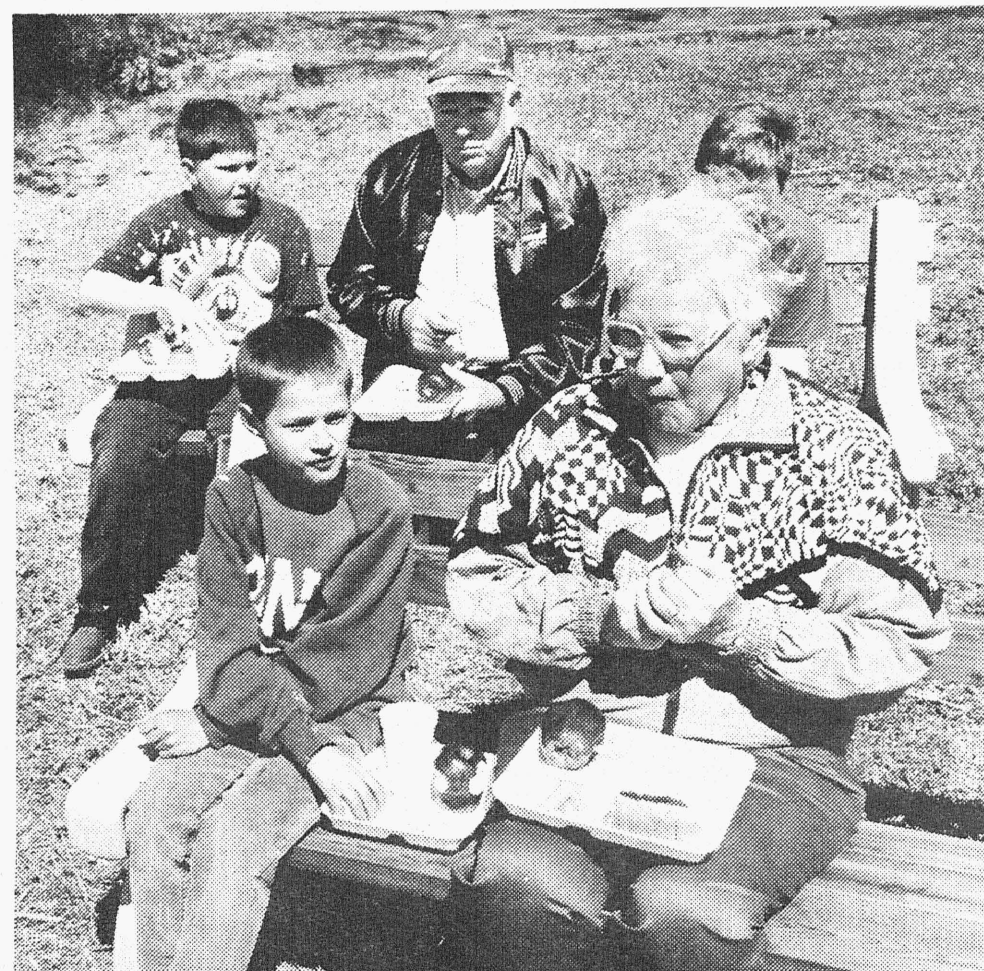
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The children and their volunteer friend were honored with a picnic recently at Bay Shore Camp.

In the picture, (left) Stephen Maurer and Elma Zimmer, and (back) Brandon Elston and Ed LaFave enjoy the picnic.

Other USA volunteers include: Clarene Ainsworth, Roxanne Ainsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gokey, Sue Hansen, Denise Hempton, Marilyn Latimer and Elma Zimmer, all of Unionville; Margaret Armbruster, Michelle Atkins, Yvonne Ball, Debra Brenner, Paula Doerr, Sally Elston, Alicia Erenfecht, Ann Frost, Melissa Garcia, Connie Gremel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmeister, Chastity Hornbacher, Mary Kittendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Edward LaFave, Edna Lutz, Mary Millerwise, Brian Reinhardt, Cindy Sherman, Lew Tibbits, and Don Martin, all of Sebawaing. *MARY DRIER PHOTO*



USA VOLUNTEERS: Salli Vermeersch and Bobbe Risky show certificates of appreciation the USA School District presented at a special tea for volunteers who help out with various programs and projects in the school.

Vermeersch and Risky are sisters who each have children in the elementary school.

Vermeersch's daughter is Kaite and Risky's daughter is Erin.

There were about 100 parents who helped out throughout the year and a certificate was made for each in a show of appreciation for their efforts.

Still openings for safety camp

There are still openings for area children to attend the Tuscola County Farm Safety Day-Camp at the fairgrounds in Caro.

The camp is Thursday, June 30 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and is for up to 50 Tuscola children ages nine to 12 years old.

It features educational safety stations that teach farm machinery, electricity, farm chemicals, lawnmowers, ATVs, fire and animal safety.

The program also includes emergency first aid, rescue breathing and choking intervention instructions, plus a

simulated accident and rescue. There is a fee to attend. For details, call 1-800-833-8550.

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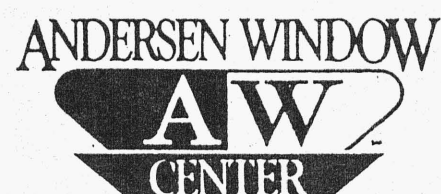
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by Mavis Pechette



Getting to summer

It must be summer, as Top-of-the-Thumb Ministries is moving into high gear (check this newspaper for an article about the Kick-off Picnic and first Vespers!).

The Board is anticipating another season of enthusiastic Christian witness and fellowship. Perse Dervan is the seminarian on staff, coming from Kalamazoo with a strong theatrical and drama background. I'm sure he will have good ideas for new activities.

Sherry Elenbaum and Christa Keim are returning for a second year on staff. They will be starting children's activities in Pigeon and Bay Port on Wednesday, June 22. They will be in Port Austin on Thursdays, Caseville on Fridays and at Duggan's Campground on Saturdays with stories, songs, games and crafts for kids.

The trip home from Florida marks the beginning of my summer. And this year, it was an interesting one. Before lunchtime on the first day, the traffic suddenly slowed and then stopped on I-75. I was "parked" on an overpass near Gainesville.

At first, the drivers of vehicles just looked at each other, wondering what had happened. Soon, emergency vehicles were using the median and going on by. Some of the drivers walked ahead to get information. I was content to sit in the car, reading the newspaper that had been delivered, just as I was departing my home.

My curiosity was piqued when a helicopter hovered overhead and then landed on the highway. A returning informant reported a serious accident at the next exit. The driver of a pick-up had started to exit, then changed his mind. He was pulling a trailer with a huge sailboat and that outfit was headed one way when he decided to go another way. The result was that they all ended up upside down in the V of the highway and exit ramp.

All of that mess was off the road, but in that confusion, a bus had rear-ended a truck, which then struck a car. And that was the cause of the giant, mile-long parking lot on the highway where we sat for 3/4 of an hour.

The next day I decided I'd had enough expressway driving and could try a different road. Checking the map, I found I could go from Cleveland to Dayton and head north. That's in Tennessee, not Ohio.

The first thing off the expressway, a deer jumped out in front of me. That reminded me to be alert for wildlife as that road is not fenced as the expressway is.

It wasn't long before I saw a large body of water. When I reached the edge, the road ended and there was a ferry boat to carry me across the Tennessee River. Drive the car on, pay the man \$2.50, sit back and enjoy the view as you get a five-minute ride on the flat barge pushed by a tugboat. I noticed a bridge being built just to the south of the ferry landings. That whole experience probably will be just a nostalgic memory before long.

I'm sure that was the route snowbirds had to take before the expressway was built. The twists and turns of the narrow road must have been frustrating for those travelers. Only the anticipation of reaching their destination, either north or south, could have made it seem worthwhile.

It was a pretty drive through the mountains. I wasn't expected in Louisville until late in the day, so there was no particular hurry. The small towns and countryside were a welcome break from the high-speed monotony of the super-highway. But I never saw a golf course on that road. FORE!!

Vassar man announces for 84th State Rep. seat

Russell Davis, a lifetime resident of Vassar and an employe of General Motors for 26 years, announces he is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 84th District House of Representatives seat.

Davis currently serves on the Vassar Board of Education and Tuscola County Community Mental Health Board.

He is a graduate of Baker College, Flint, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management.

Davis believes that through a combination of communication and commitment he can competently represent the 84th District of Huron and Tuscola Counties.

"The District needs open communication lines with the legislature in Lansing, and I will strive to accomplish this goal if elected," Davis says.

Davis has been married for 25 years and has two children. He and his family are long-time members of First Presbyterian Church, Vassar.



THREE-YEAR-OLD Samantha Strieter of Unionville was flying high on a recent visit to Unionville Park. Her sister, Tracey Strieter, 19, and friend Bryan Latimer, 20, all of Unionville, took turns pushing the tot. All three agreed it was a nice way to spend a summer day... and all took turns on the swings. MARY DRIER PHOTO

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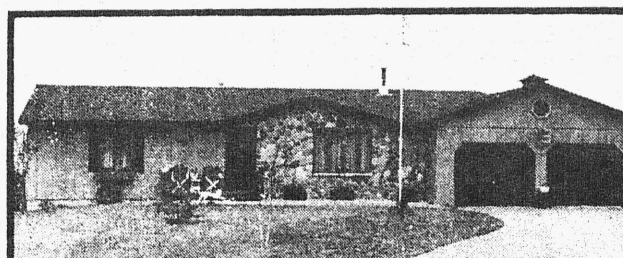


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Sebewaing's Tom Jahr recalls the 1930s

As Recalled by Thomas E. Jahr, Sr. - Sebewaing

When we were kids, during summer vacation time, we went to a small northern Michigan town called Black River.

We went there because our father was a commercial fisherman and he had a fish house there, and fished during the summer months from his docks on the Black river.

I believe the river was named "Black" because of the dark water that drained from decaying vegetation in the extensive swamps that lie to the west of the town, and stained the river a dark, coffee color.

One of my childhood memories is helping Virgil Rasche pick up the mail from the Detroit & Mackinaw Railroad Depot. I didn't know what the word nepotism meant, at that time, but the fact that Virgil was chosen to do this small chore for Mrs. Charlefor, the Postmistress, is that she was his aunt.

The trains that passed through Black River seldom stopped, except to pick up a shipment of freshly-packed fish for delivery to Peck Slip, where the fresh water fish market is in New York.

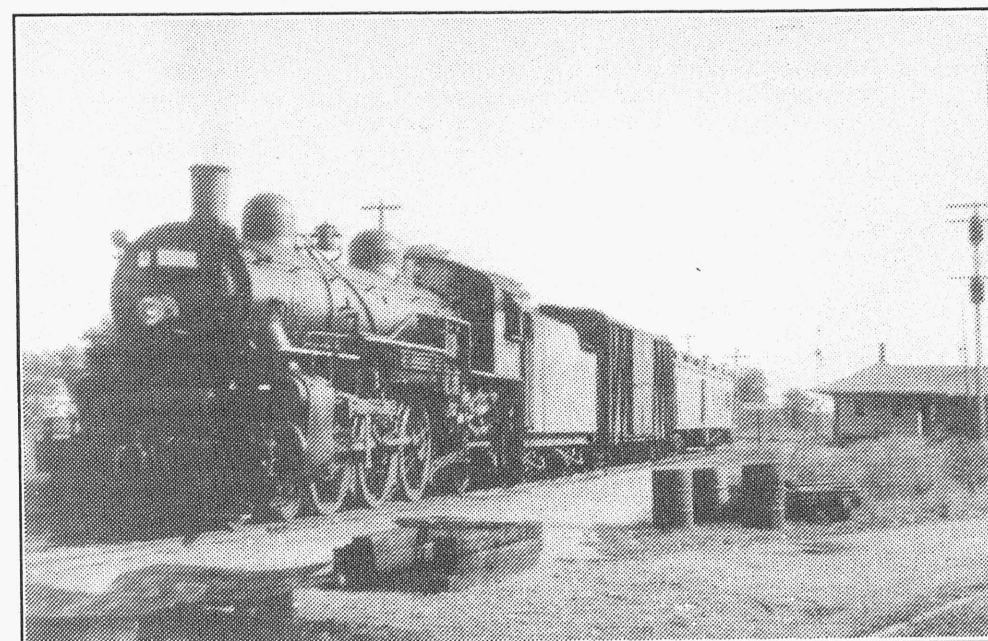
Because the trains seldom stopped, the incoming mail was securely tied in mail bags and as the train roared past the depot the mailman in the mail car would kick the bag and its contents out of the open mail car door.

The bag would hit the right-of-way and roll for about 20 or 30 feet on the stones and cinders that bordered the edge of the tracks.

Then, after the train had passed, Virgil would pick up the mail sack and carry it to his aunt, who would open it and distribute the mail to the pigeon-holes in her tiny post office.

The out-going mail was handled in a very different manner.

Aunt Em would place the mail in a special bag that had strong steel rings sewn in either end, and a laced hole in the middle for inserting the outgoing mail.



HERE'S A TRAIN at a Thumb station... but this photo was taken decades before the time Tom Jahr describes. It's at the Pigeon Depot, in about 1910. NEWSWEEKLY ARCHIVES

When Virgil took the mail to the railroad he placed the bag in a stanchion arrangement that spread the bag tightly between an upper and lower gripper.

The stanchion was placed close to the railroad track and

as the mail car passed by the stanchion, the clerk inside the rail car would extend a

hook-like device that would snatch the stretched mail bag from the stanchion, and thus

the mail would be retrieved while the train was going at full speed.

This was an almost fool-proof method of transferring mail without stopping the train.

"Almost fool-proof" is the qualifying phrase.

On occasion, especially if the bag was worn, the hooked grabber on the train, instead of doing its task properly, would, instead, cut the bag in two and the mail inside would be strewn for a hundred feet or more along the tracks.

Much of the mail would end up under the wheels and be cut to pieces.

Of course, there were many and profuse apologies from the Postal Department and the D&M Railroad Company.

However, I can't recall that anyone ever received any compensation or their inconvenience.

Anyway, that's how things went back then.

Huron teacher scholarships available

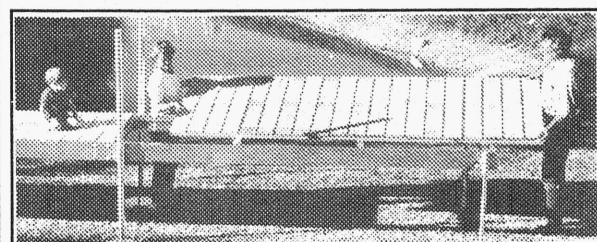
The Huron Soil Conservation District has two monetary scholarships available for any Huron County teachers who want to participate in the Teacher's Environmental School this summer.

The school includes four sessions under the direction of Michigan State, Central, Northern, Western, Eastern and Wayne State Universities and is at the MacMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake.

Resource people, material, lectures, field trips and discussion are all focused on providing participants with an understanding of critical issues dealing with the relationship between individuals and the environment.

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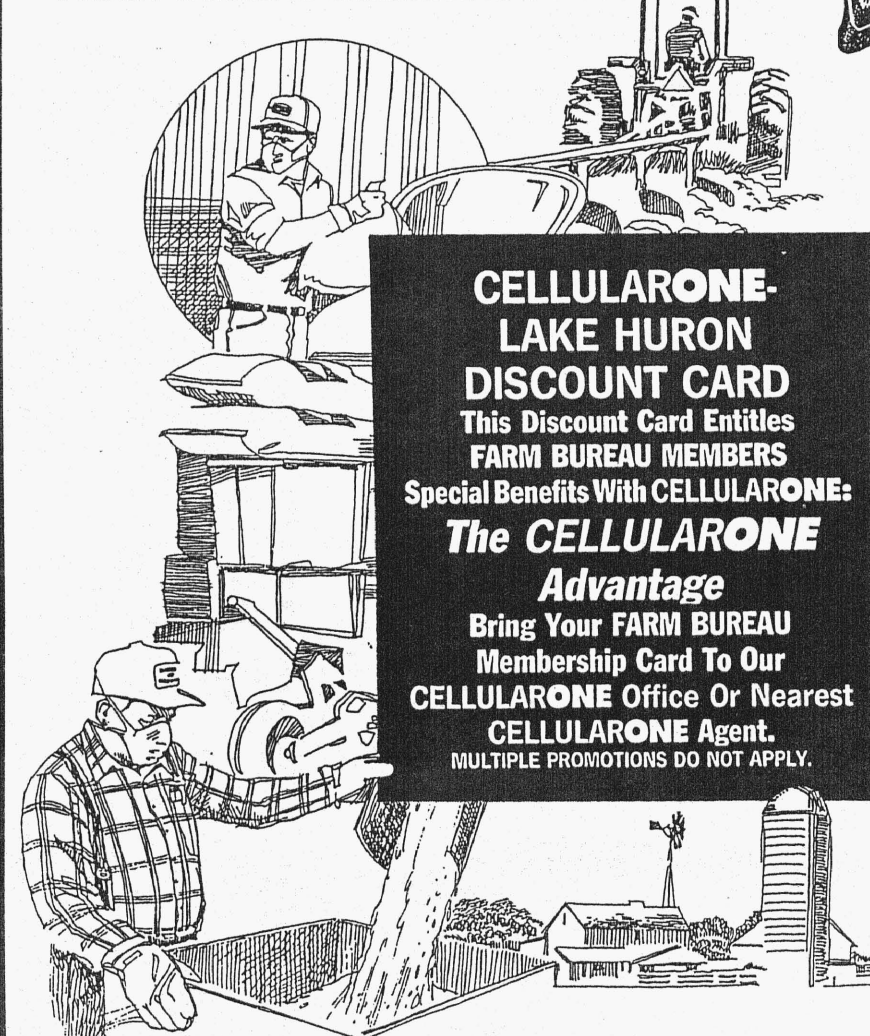
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Achievements

Sebewaing Lions Club congratulates **Melissa Fuerst** of Sebewaing and **Joshua Huizar** of Unionville, winners of Lions Club Scholarships this year.

Two \$500 scholarships were awarded during USA High School's graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 5. Fuerst plans to attend Delta College majoring in education. Huizar will attend Wyoming Technical Institute, majoring in diesel mechanics.



Kristin Krohn, daughter of Carl and Evelyn Krohn of Owendale, recently graduated from Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., with a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management.

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is an accredited, private institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, foodservice, hospitality and technology.

With an enrollment of more than 10,000 students, Johnson & Wales is based in Providence, R.I. and maintains campuses in Charleston, S.C., North Miami, Fla., and Vail, Colo.

Peter and Robert Ruiz de Castilla, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Pedro Ruiz de Castilla of Pigeon, were named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Hope College is a four-year, coeducational liberal arts college with an enrollment of 2,713 men and women, and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

Brandon Marks, 11-year-old son of Larry and Sandra (Bauer) Marks of Reese, recently competed in the 1994 Michigan Amateur Athletic Union Qualifying Meet at Michigan State University. He competed as a gymnast with the Midland Gymnas-

tics Club. He qualified to compete at the National AAU Junior Olympic Games to be held at Cocoa Beach, Fla. in August. Marks, with an all-around score of 35.3, will compete on Association Team 1 in the 9-11 age division.

He is the grandson of Donald and Sharon Bauer and Robert and Norma VanBevern, all of Sebewaing.

Tracy Cramer of Akron graduated with honors from Michigan State University on May 7 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology.

She is currently serving an internship at the Cincinnati Zoo in Ohio.

She is the daughter of Char Cramer of Akron, and Ernie Cramer of Caro.

Several area students were named to the Dean's List for Spring term at **Northwood University**, Midland, including

CASEVILLE: Terri Power, daughter of Michael and Constance Power.

PIGEON: Ryan Heckman, son of Ronald and Janet Heckman; **FAIRGROVE:** Paula Prime, daughter of Richard and Barbara Prime.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood University is a private, accredited college specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

Eric Hagenow and **Matthew Bauer**, sophomores at Concordia College, Ann Arbor, have been named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the 1994 Winter Semester.

Hagenow is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin Hagenow, and Bauer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bauer, all of Sebewaing.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Marian Bakan, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Indian Ocean, Western Pacific and Persian Gulf aboard the destroyer tender USS Acadia, homeported in San Diego.

While deployed, Bakan and her shipmates participated in Operation Restore Hope off the coast of Somalia and Operation Southern Watch in

the Persian Gulf, and supported 7th Fleet Units off the coast of Japan.

USS Acadia traveled more than 25,000 miles and completed more than 7,000 repairs to tended units and shore-based commands.

The 1975 graduate of Owen-Cage High School joined the Navy in March, 1980 and is the daughter of Helen Pyrek, Gagetown.

Kathi Negaard of Pigeon was named to the President's List at Saginaw Valley State University for the spring semester.

To be on the President's List, a student must maintain at least a 4.0 grade point average.

Ray Sting of Sebewaing recently became a registered representative for Lutheran Brotherhood Securities Corp. (LBSC).

As a registered representative, Sting is now qualified to sell the six mutual funds distributed by LBSC. LBSC is a subsidiary of Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit

society. Both corporations are headquartered in Minneapolis, MN.

Also a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative, Sting is associated with the Randall Kurtz Agency in Saginaw.

Karen Lagerberg is the new program coordinator for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council.

She will oversee the Saginaw Bay Watershed Council's School River Monitoring and Adopt-A-Stream programs. She will develop and conduct training workshops for volunteers involved in the those programs. Her workshops will cover proper stream bank clean-up procedures, on-site work practices and stream bank safety practices.

The Tuscola Soil Conservation District has a \$100 scholarship available for an area teacher who wants to participate in the Teacher's Environmental School this summer.

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If there are several area teachers interested in attending, the TSCD will give each teacher a \$50 scholarship who attends and completes the program.

The scholarships are open to all teachers in Tuscola County school districts. Sessions run from Sunday, July 10 to Friday, Aug. 19.

For details, call 673-8174.

Tuscola County Sheriff's Department was one of 17 law enforcement agencies in the state cited by the Michigan Safety Commission for outstanding leadership in safety belt enforcement during the past year.

Michigan's buckle-up rate reached an all-time high of 64.4% during 1993. Yet, traffic crashes remain the number one killer of Americans, ages six to 33, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"These officers have made significant contributions to increasing safety belt use and child passenger safety, with the assistance of many dedicated volunteers and agencies," said Richard Austin, chairman of the State Safety Commission.

Two new troopers are assigned to the **Michigan State Police** Post in Caro.

Trooper Brian Ferguson was assigned from the Sandusky Post and **Trooper Karl Kusmierz** was assigned from the New Baltimore Post.

Ferguson, 32, is a seven-year veteran and a 1987 graduate of the 101st State Police Recruit School.

Kusmierz, 29, is a five-year veteran and a 1989 graduate of the 105th Recruit School.

He is originally from North Branch and she is originally from Midland.

Also, **Trooper Neil Sweeney** of the Caro Post was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Sandusky Post. Sweeney has served at the Caro Post for 11 years. He is originally from Uby and formerly served as a Pigeon Police Officer.

Cross Lutheran School of Pigeon has announced its fourth marking period Honor Roll, with an asterisk denoting "all A's." A (TD) denotes Honor Roll all year, and a (+) denotes "A's" all year.

EIGHTH GRADE: (TD) Shane Schulte.

SEVENTH GRADE: Carrie Schulte.

SIXTH GRADE: Melissa Winkel.

FIFTH GRADE: (TD+) Kyle Buchholz, (TD) Jeremy Licht, (TD) Emily Musolf, (TD) Ashley Rasmussen, (TD) Mark Shetler, (TD) Aaron Shupe.

FOURTH GRADE: (TD) Ronald Badgerow, (TD) Gordon Shetler, Kellie Siewert, (TD) Jesse Winkel.

THIRD GRADE: (TD+) Danny Azarovitz, (TD) Amanda Buschen, Jack Champagne, (TD) Jon Glabuesch, (TD) Rachel Eden, (TD) Rebecca Eden, Joe Fibranz, (TD) Justin Gunden, Julie Howard, (TD) Lacey Kopah, (TD) Caleigh Rasmussen, Katie Schulte, (TD) Andrew Rummel, Tressa Schulte, (TD) Aaron Smith.

TWO OR MORE TIMES ON HONOR ROLL: Julie Howard (3), Tressa Schulte (3), Melissa Winkel (2), Carrie Schulte (3).

Fourth quarter Honor Roll for **St. Paul Lutheran School**, Unionville, as of June 8, is as follows:

GRADE 1: Sandy Geiger, Bryan Hadeway

GRADE 2: Jenny Bitzer, Marissa Engelhard, Brooke Gremel, "Stacie Keipinger, "Katie Parsell, Mike Strieter

GRADE 3: Adam Arnold, Stefan Bitzer, Shaun Eisengruber, Robb Garska, Brian Geiger, Sara Lowthian, Adam Schmuck

GRADE 4: Jon Arnold, Brandon Hahn, Danae Hoppe, Josh Hoppe, Erin Lowthian, "Brenda Schulz, Kevin Strieter

GRADE 5: Hilary Orner, Amber Parsell, Leslie Reinbold

GRADE 6: Nate Blohm, "Mindy Eisengruber, "Ben Gaeth, "Amanda Hoppe, Laura Vandiver

GRADE 7: Abbey Ewald, Jenny Gremel

GRADE 8: Jeff Schulz (*Denotes All A's)

Thomas and Victoria Shields of Deford have opened a new business, "Home Inspections of the Greater Thumb," to help buyers and sellers of houses get the most value for their investment.

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7050 or 872-2153.

B. Joseph Nugent, Mayor Pro Tem of Algonac, was selected as chairman of Region V of the Michigan Municipal League for 1994-95 during the annual regional meeting.

Region V includes cities and villages in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. Also, selected were Lapeere Commissioner **Alice Bahls** as vice chairman and City Council member **Antia Ashford** of Port Huron.

Over 80 mayors, village presidents and other elected and appointed municipal officials attended the meeting.

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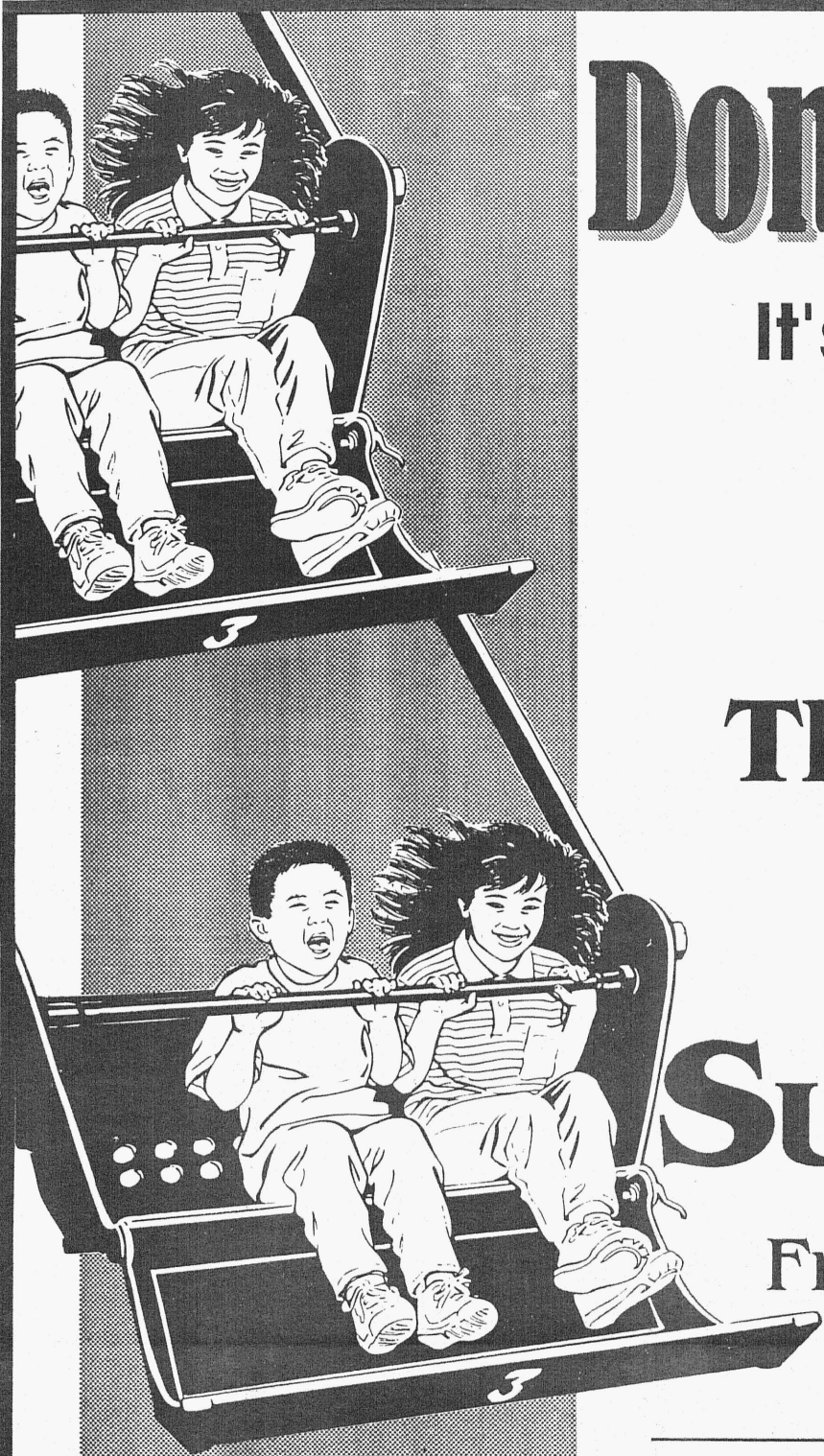
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